Apollo 10’s fortieth anniversary celebrated at Oklahoma History Center

With everyone searching for innovative ways to enjoy summer, the OHS Research Division offers a fun and educational event for the whole family. On Saturday, July 18, from 1 to 4 p.m., three early-day films will be screened in the Chesapeake Events Center inside the Oklahoma History Center. The program is open to the public, and there is no admission charge.

**The Bank Robbery**, one of the first motion pictures made in Oklahoma, will show at 1 p.m. This 1908 silent epic was produced by U.S. Deputy Marshal William “Bill” Tilghman. The film was shot on location at Cache, Oklahoma. The running time is approximately twenty-six minutes.

At 1:40 p.m. Al Ritter, vice president of the 101 Ranch Old Timers’ Association of Ponca City, will provide a twenty- to thirty-minute presentation on the history of the Miller Brothers 101 Ranch. Then at 2:15 p.m. guests will view footage shot at the 101 Ranch in 1912 by Reliance Films. This 101 Ranch film will run for approximately twenty-five minutes.

At 2:45 there will be a brief intermission. At 3 p.m. the screenings continue with a documentary about the 101 Ranch. This film was produced by WKY-TV in the 1960s.

As an added attraction, Steve Hawkins, the Research Division’s volunteer coordinator, will provide background music for the two silent films.

Kids’ photo contest winners announced

From March through April OHS held a student photo contest titled “Oklahoma Focus.” Students in grades 1 through 12 were invited to submit images of Oklahoma scenes and other subjects. This is the third in a series of “creativity contests” that OHS is sponsoring for young people. Hundreds of students participated, capturing life and still life of all sorts around the state of Oklahoma.

The winners were announced in May.

They are: Grades 1 through 5, First Place, Caleb Skouby, age 7, of Perry; Second Place, Annie Bragg, age 9, of Norman; and Third Place, Aurora Buss, age 9, of McAlester.

In Grades 6 through 8, the winners were: First Place, Makayla Owings, age 12, of Broken Arrow; Second Place, Aaron Sharp, age 14, of Stillwater; and Third Place, Meredythe Olsen, age 14, of Tulsa.

In Grades 9 through 12, the winners were: First Place, Julie Bragg, age 17, of Norman; Second Place, Stacy, age 16 [last name and hometown withheld by request]; and Third Place, Colton, age 15 [last name and hometown withheld by request]. The Historical Society congratulates these fine young photographers as well as all of the students who took part in the contest.

Pictured at left: First Place photo by Julie Bragg. Above: First Place photo by Caleb Skouby.

Research Division to host summer film event—and it’s 30° cooler inside!

On Wednesday, May 20, the OHS celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the Apollo 10 mission. A dinner and program entertained more than three hundred people. Among the special guests were two of the mission’s three astronauts, Gen. Thomas Stafford of Weatherford, Oklahoma, and Capt. Eugene Cernan of Chicago. Apollo 10 was the second manned mission to orbit the Moon.

A collateral event was held at the Stafford Air and Space Museum in Weatherford, Oklahoma. Among numerous notables attending the twin dinners were Neil Armstrong of Apollo 11, Bill Anders of Apollo 8, Alan Bean of Apollo 12, Fred Haise of Apollo 13, David Scott of Apollo 9 and 15, Walter Cunningham of Apollo 7, Rusty Schweickart of Apollo 9, and Richard Gordon of Apollo 12.


Astronauts Stafford, Scott, and Cernan (Rainette Rowland Photography).
Public history can sometimes be a challenge, especially when it involves budget cuts, personnel problems, and the balancing act of working through the political process.

Public history can also be a real joy, especially when it involves collections, programs, and working with people who have a passion for history.

Over the years, I have focused more and more on one challenge that can also be a joy when it is done effectively—the marketing of history.

There are many tools for marketing history. We do that when we select topics for collecting efforts and exhibit development. We do that through our publications and website offerings. And we do that through effective design and communication.

One of my favorite tools for marketing history is shared memory. A few people in a group may be interested in land runs. A few others may prefer American Indian history. Everyone is interested in their own lives.

When we can connect with the collective memories of one community, we start a dialogue that allows us public historians to lead the conversation to the historical process. A good example is the recent emphasis on music history.

On Thursday, July 16, from 6 to 8 p.m., an opportunity to share memories will be offered at the Oklahoma History Center. That night, we will release a new book, Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Story, with an autograph party that will include most of the contributing authors, including Steve Ripley of the Tractors, John Cooper of the Red Dirt Rangers, and Scott Booker, manager of the Flaming Lips.

Following the book signing, we will offer a museum setting for a musical performance by The Hosty Duo, an Oklahoma band with roots in Blues, Folk, Rockabilly, and humor. Admission is $5, but OHS members get in free. Come, buy a book, and enjoy the music. For more information call Jeff Moore at 522-0798.

Yes, public history can be both a challenge and a joy. Come and join the fun.
Meetings

The Oklahoma Genealogical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 6, 2009, at 6 p.m. at the Oklahoma History Center, 2401 North Laird Ave., in Oklahoma City. OGS treasurer Walt Stoyanoski will talk about "Taking a Genealogy Vacation." From his own experience he will discuss how to prepare for your research trip as well as how to hire someone if you cannot leave home. The Oklahoma Historical Society Research Center will be staffed and remain open until 7:45 p.m. that evening. (Special to ML)

Events

Carnegie’s City Park is the venue for the Kiowa Gourd Clan Celebration featuring American Indian dancing by the Kiowa Gourd Clan. Participants will be wearing beautiful shawls and performing on drums. Free admission to the event on July 2 through 4, at 7 p.m. Call 580/654-2300 for info. (Special to ML)

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of America’s first Boy Scout Troop at the Osage County Historical Society Museum in Pawhuska. The Historic Trail Camporee will take place from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on July 3 through 5. Be part of this celebration where Oklahoma’s first boy scout troop was formed. In 1909 Reverend John F. Mitchell organized a nineteen-member troop in Pawhuska under the British charter because Boy Scouts of America did not incorporate until 1910. Activities will include unique campsites, a parade of troops, Trade-O-Ree, Mountain Men, a car show, entertainment, and a fireworks display. Participants can earn a Historic Trails Badge. Contact Judy Taylor at 918/287-9119 or e-mail her at <cochs@att.net>. (Special to ML)

The Arbuckle Mountain Park 4th of July Bluegrass Jam will take place at the Arbuckle Mountain Park, located between Wynnewood and Davis. From July 1 through 6 visitors can enjoy informal jamming, bluegrass, gospel, and old-time country music. Come and listen, learn, or play along with musicians using acoustical instruments only. RV camping is available all week. Phone 405/665-5226 or e-mail Rosemary Bowen at <rosemary@arbucklemtbluegrasspark.com>. (Special to ML)

A Smithsonian touring exhibit entitled Journey Stories will make its debut in Oklahoma at Okmulgee’s Creek Council House Museum, located at 106 West Sixth St. The exhibit features images, audio, and artifacts that represent individual stories relating to Americans’ mobility to travel. Journey Stories will remain in Okmulgee through August 7. For information call 918/756-2324. The exhibit’s next stop will be at the Newkirk Public Library, 116 North Maple St. It will be in Newkirk from August 15 through September 25. For more info phone 580/362-3934. The third stop will be at Sand Springs Cultural and Historical Museum, 9 East Broadway. Plan to be in Sand Springs to view the exhibit from October 3 through November 13. Call 918/246-2509 for additional information. Journey Stories is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Oklahoma Humanities Council and the Smithsonian Institution. (Oklahoma Humanities, May 2009)

The Kaw Nation Annual Powwow will take place on July 31 through August 2 at Washunga Bay at Kaw City. Experience this intertribal powwow featuring dance contests, exhibitions, and audience participation for all age groups. Enjoy a variety of food and craft vendors. Hours are 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Call toll free at 866/404-5297 or e-mail <sbellmond@kawnation.com>. (Special to ML)

Valliant City Park will be the venue for a Watermelon Festival and Craft Show on July 25, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. It’s a day of fun for the whole family. Participate in a 5K run, watch a parade, listen to local musicians, enter a photography contest, and eat free watermelon slices. There will be games for the children and a not-so-serious king and queen contest. Phone 580/933-5050 or send e-mail to <valcham@valliant.net>. (Special to ML)

Plan to attend one of the “Let’s Talk About It, Oklahoma! Reading & Discussion Programs” scheduled for July 21 and August 18 at the Carnegie’s Law Library Public Library, 110 Southwest Fourth St. Lynn Mucklewhite will present a program entitled Reconstruction: After the Civil War at 6:30 p.m. on July 21. At 6:30 p.m. on August 18 Heather Everett will direct the discussion on The Private Mary Chestnut, a Civil War diarist. For more info call 580/581-3450. (Oklahoma Humanities, May 2009)

A woodcarving show and a barbeque are two events scheduled in Tulsa on Friday and Saturday, July 10 and 11. Master Carver Buyrl Franks from Bixby and other woodcarvers will be showing their art works at the 33rd annual Wonderful World of Wood. This event will be held at the Union 6th and 7th Grade Center located at 10100 East Sixty-first St. in Tulsa. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Admission is $2; children under age 12 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Phone 918/251-8734 for additional information. The Art of Barbeque extravaganza will include a barbeque contest, a kid’s zone, artist and food vendors, wine tasting, and live entertainment. Hours are 5:30 p.m. to midnight on July 10 and 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 11. The barbeque event will take place at the OU-Tulsa Campus located at Forty-first and Yale St. Call Mary Rankin at 918/584-3333. (Special to ML)

Bristow’s City Park is hosting a celebration in honor of the National Day of the American Cowboy on July 25 and 26, from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Planned activities include an all equine parade, western and cowboy music, cowboy poetry, chuckwagon cooking, and American Indian dancers. Contact Mike Newell at 918/367-6762. (Special to ML)

Opportunities

The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City is offering a youth workshop on painting miniatures on July 27 through 31 from 9 a.m. to noon. Merlin Little Thunder (Southern Cheyenne) will provide one-on-one instruction. The class is suitable for students in grades nine through twelve and college freshmen and for beginners as well as more experienced painters. Museum membership tuition is $170 and nonmember is $190. Needs-based scholarships are available. Call the Reservations Coordinator at 405/478-2250, ext. 219. Class size is limited. (Special to ML)

Norman’s Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at OU seeks applicants for its Visiting Scholars Program for researchers working at the center’s archives. Awards of $500 to $1,000 may reimburse travel and lodging. Emphasis is given to postdoctoral research in history, political science, and other fields. Graduate students, undergraduates, and lay researchers may also apply. For information on applying contact the Archivist at the Carl Albert Center, 630 Parrington Oval, Room 101, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019. Inquiries may also be made over the telephone: 405/325-5833, by fax at 405/325-6419, or via e-mail at <channeman@ou.edu>. (Special to ML)
Every effort has been made to list correct information as it was available at press time. Other events may be added throughout the year. Check the monthly issues of Mistletoe Leaves for additions, corrections, and/or expanded articles.

Some events require registration and/or an admission fee. Registration is limited for some workshops and seminars. Some events sponsored by the OHS are held at sites other than the property on which the OHS site or museum is located.

Please visit the OHS web site to verify date, hours, exact location, admission fees, etc. Click on “About OHS,” and “Calendar of Events” for additional information on the OHS events listed below.

### JULY

- **1-31** Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- **1-31** Tierra de Mi Familia, exhibit on Hispanics in Oklahoma, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- **1-3** Unconquered: Allan Houser and the Legacy of One Apache Family, art exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

### AUGUST

- **1-31** Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- **1-31** Tierra de Mi Familia, exhibit on Hispanics in Oklahoma, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- **3** First Monday Free Admission, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- **8** “Germans from Russia,” lecture by Dr. Eric J. Schmaltz of Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Sod House Museum, Aline
- **9** Aunt Jane’s Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social, Frank Phillips Home, Bartlesville
- **15** Mystery Quilt Workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
- **22** Lunch & Learn Lecture, “Organizing a Research Plan,” Kirkpatrick Reading Room, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

### SEPTEMBER

- **1-30** Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- **1-30** Tierra de Mi Familia, exhibit on Hispanics in Oklahoma, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- **7** First Monday Free Admission, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- **11** SHPO Public Meeting for FY 2010 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Application
- **12** “Rock Mary and the California Road through Oklahoma,” lecture by Art Peters of the Hinton Historical Museum, Sod House Museum, Aline
- **12** Mystery Quilt Workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
- **13** Dr. Seuss at Home, Frank Phillips Home, Bartlesville
- **17** SeptemberFest, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- **19** Ladies’ Camp of Instruction, George M. Murrell Home, Park Hill
- **22-23** Autumnal Equinox Walks, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, vic. Spiro
- **24** Homemade Perfumes and Oils Workshop, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site & Museum, Pawnee
- **26** Blacksmithing Workshop, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site & Museum, Pawnee
- **30** “Three Sisters: The Wisdom of Traditions in Oklahoma Foodways,” a foodways workshop presented by Loretta Barrett Oden, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
Reconstructed building at Fort Towson

OCTOBER

1-31 Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

1-31 Tierra de Mi Familia, exhibit on Hispanics in Oklahoma, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

1-31 Annual Quilt Show, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site & Museum, Pawnee

1- "What's for Supper? A Celebration of Oklahoma Foodways," dinner and presentation by Loretta Barrett Oden of PBS network, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

2-3 Candlelight Tour of Doaksville, Fort Towson Historic Site, vic. Fort Towson

5 First Monday Free Admission, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

7 Lunch & Learn Lecture, “Oklahoma Resources at the Metro Library,” Kirkpatrick Reading Room, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

9-10 Fall Encampment and Education Day, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Fort Gibson

10 Mystery Quilt Workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline

11 Christmas Ornament Workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline

14 Lunch & Learn Lecture, “Heraldry,” Kirkpatrick Reading Room, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

17 American Indian Research workshop, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

21 Lunch & Learn Lecture, “Blogs—Another Genealogical Resource,” Kirkpatrick Reading Room, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

22-23 Ghost Stories, George M. Murrell Home, Park Hill

24 Ghost Story Tours, Mansion, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee

November

1-30 Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

1-30 Tierra de Mi Familia, exhibit on Hispanics in Oklahoma, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

2 First Monday Free Admission, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

8 Frank’s Birthday Party, Frank Phillips Home, Bartlesville

14 Mystery Quilt Workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline

14 Civil War Life program, Honey Springs Battlefield Site, vic. Checotah

14 Fall Bake Day, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Fort Gibson

14 Santa's Cottage, Frank Phillips Home, Bartlesville

14 Santa’s Parade, Sod House Museum, Pawnee

14 Henry Overholser Home

17, 21 Christmas at the Mansion, Frank Phillips Home, Bartlesville

19 Santas of the World, Tour, Pawnee Bill Mansion, Pawnee

20 Winter Solstice Walks, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, vic. Spiro

December

1-31 Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

1-31 Tierra de Mi Familia, exhibit on Hispanics in Oklahoma, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

1-31 Holiday Decorations at the Mansion, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee

5 Christmas Tour of Homes, Fred Drummond Home and vicinity, Hominy

7 First Monday Free Admission, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

9 SHPO Workshop: Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings

10 SHPO Workshop: The Section 106 Review Process

10 Christmas Open House, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee

11 SHPO Workshop: Working with the National Register of Historic Places

11-12 Candlelight Tour, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Fort Gibson

12 Santa’s Parade, Sod House Museum, Aline

13 Christmas Open House, George M. Murrell Home, Park Hill

13 Santa’s Cottage, Frank Phillips Home, Bartlesville

January

17, 21 Christmas at the Mansion, Frank Phillips Home, Bartlesville

19 Santas of the World, Tour, Pawnee Bill Mansion, Pawnee

20 Winter Solstice Walks, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, vic. Spiro

OHS MUSEUMS AND SITES

Cherokee Strip Museum
Rose Hill School, 2617 W Fir, Perry, 580/336-2405

Chisholm Trail Museum
Seay Mansion, 605 Zellers Ave., Kingfisher 405/376-5176

Confederate Memorial Museum
US 69, ½ mi. N of Atoka, 580/889-7192

Fort Gibson Historic Site
907 N. Garrison, SH 80 in Fort Gibson, 918/478-4088

Fort Supply Historic Site

Fort Towson Historic Site
NE of Fort Towson off US 70 580/873-2634

Fort Washita Historic Site
SH 199, 13 mi. E of Madill 580/604-6502

Fred Drummond House
305 N Price, Hominy 918/886-2374

Frederick Pioneer Village
201 N 9th St., Frederick, 580/335-5844

George M. Murrell House
19479 East Murrell Home Rd 3 mi. S of SH 82, Park Hill 918/456-2751

Healdton Oil Museum
315 E Main, Healdton 580/229-0900

Henry Overholser House
405 NW 15th St., OKC 405/528-8485

Honey Springs Battlefield
1863 Honey Springs Battlefield Rd., E of US 69, near Poteau, 918/473-5572

Jim Thorpe House
706 E Boston, Yale 918/387-2815

Museum of the Cherokee Strip
507 S 4th, Enid 580/237-1907

Museum of the Western Prairie
1100 N Memorial Dr., Altus, 580/482-1044

National Hall of Fame for Famous American Indians
507 S 4th, Enid 918/387-2815

No Man’s Land Museum
Pioneer Campus, Goodwell 580/349-2670

Oklahoma Museum of History
2410 N Land Ave., OKC 405/522-5244

Oklahoma Route 66 Museum
2229 W Gary Blvd., Clinton, 580/323-7666

Oklahoma Territorial Museum/Carnegie Library
402 E Oklahoma, Guthrie 405/262-1899

Pawnee Bill Ranch
1½ mi. W on US 64, Pawnee 918/762-2513

Pioneer Woman Museum
701 Monument Rd., Ponca City, 580/765-6108

Robert S. Kerr Museum
6 mi. SW of Poteau, US 270 at Kerr Conference Center 918/967-9579

Sequoyah’s Cabin
SH 101, 11 mi. NE of Sallisaw, 918/775-2413

Sod House Museum
SH 6, 5½ mi. N of Cato Springs, 580/463-2441

Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center
3 mi. E and 4 mi. N of Spiro 918/962-2062

State Capitol Publishing Museum
301 W Harrison Guthrie, 405/282-4123

T. B. Ferguson House
513 N Weigle, Watonga 580/473-5572

Tom Mix Museum
721 N Delaware, Dewey 918/534-1556

White Hair Memorial
½ mi. S of SH 20 on Blackburn Rd., Ralston 918/538-2417

State Historic Preservation Office, OKC, 405/521-6249
On Thursday, June 4, the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office presented its 2009 Citations of Merit at the awards banquet held during Oklahoma’s 21st Annual Statewide Preservation Conference at Quartz Mountain Resort Arts and Conference Center.

Government agencies, organizations, individuals, and businesses were recognized for their accomplishments in archaeological site preservation, research, publications, public programming, leadership, or restoration/rehabilitation work.

Jim and Charlotte Murphy rehabilitated the Judge Harry L. Fogg Residence on South Hoff in El Reno. In January 2007 the building had been listed in Preservation Oklahoma’s Most Endangered Historic Places, and the Classical Revival-style house was vacant, for sale, and rapidly deteriorating. Armed with a personal connection to the house (Ms. Murphy is the Foggs’ granddaughter) and many historic photographs, the Murphys carried out the rehabilitation work needed to save the property.

The SHPO recognized Enid’s Kenwood Historic District Neighborhood Association for sponsoring Kenwood Golden Days 2008 Festival with activities conducted in the district and throughout Enid during Cherokee Strip Days.

The SHPO recognized the Muskogee Historic Preservation Commission for publication of “Traces of Muskogee’s Past,” a four-color brochure highlighting the city’s National Register properties and locally designated landmarks. The commission completed the brochure with one of the City’s matching grants from the SHPO’s Certified Local Governments Program.

Donald and Shirley Marquardt received the Citation of Merit for their preservation of Enid’s historic McCryst-Knox Mansion. Their work was completed last summer.

For the last few years, Jerry Worster has focused his real estate development efforts on the buildings at 2500–2522 North Robinson in Oklahoma City, Brentwood Terrace apartments. The rehabilitation work resulted in certification of the rehabilitation for federal and state tax credits.

Ron Willfong, manager of Enid’s Gaslight Theatre, received the citation for his research on an Enid landmark, the Gaslight Theatre. He produced a DVD entitled A Palace on the Prairie: A Movie Palace. That Is! The theater reopened in 1991.

The General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute and Museum received the Citation of Merit for the adaptive reuse of Hobart’s 1933 Farmers Co-op Association. Fittingly, the museum opened in the co-op on Veteran’s Day in 2008.

SHPO recognizes Oklahoma preservationists at annual conference at Quartz Mountain

The SHPO recognized the A. Y. Owen Collection (2009.90) showing of “Traces of Muskogee’s Past,” a four-color brochure highlighting the city’s National Register properties and locally designated landmarks. The commission completed the brochure with one of the City’s matching grants from the SHPO’s Certified Local Governments Program.

The A. Y. Owen Collection (2009.90) showcases the work of one of Oklahoma’s more talented native sons, a professional photographer. A. Y. Owen’s papers reveal the formation of an internationally respected career, dating to childhood through semiretirement. The collection could be of interest not only to historians. Owen covered many interesting Oklahoma events, and researchers interested in business, the twentieth century, and the arts will find informative and useful images in his work.

Owen, born in 1915 at Cheyenne, Oklahoma, graduated from Oklahoma City’s Classen High School. By 1936 he had begun his career as a staff photographer for the Daily Oklahoman and the Oklahoma City Times. During World War II he served in the Forty-fifth Infantry Division and in the U.S. Army Air Corps. After the war he returned to his profession, and by the mid-1950s he had published photographs in Life, National Geographic, Fortune, Sports Illustrated, Time, and other national publications. In 1968 he married Daphne Davis and in 1972 opened a commercial studio in Oklahoma City. A. Y. Owen died on September 16, 1991.

The collection’s personal correspondence and family papers date to 1911 and also include A. Y.’s school papers and report cards. The personal papers continue to 1989 and include business letters and assignments. Many of the assignments are listed by magazine and date. The collection also contains stationery, forms, and paperwork related to his commercial studio. Many, if not most, of the magazines that printed his photographs appear in the collection. Some of Owen’s photographs have also been donated and are still being processed. As usual, portions of the A. Y. Owen may be viewed in the Research Division’s online catalogue at the Oklahoma Historical Society’s website at www.okhistory.org and may also be accessed at the Oklahoma History Center in the John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick Research Center. Pictured above: A. Y. Owen at work—or at play? He was also a spelunker.
Fourth at the Fort!

Fort Gibson Historic Site will host a rip-roaring, patriotic holiday celebration on the Fourth of July. Come out and enjoy the nation’s birthday as it was experienced on the Fourth at the Fort! The Declaration of Independence will be read aloud at 1 p.m., followed by the firing of a salute. Then enjoy a reception hosted by the site and the OHS.

Contact Historical Interpreter Chris Morgan for more details. His number is 918/478-4088. Fort Gibson Historic Site is just outside the town of Fort Gibson on North Garrison.

Peter Conser ice cream social

Beat the summer heat with some ice cream at the Peter Conser Home on July 18. From 1 to 5 p.m. this cool event will offer homemade ice cream and homemade root beer. The staff will guide you through the historic 1894 home, and the kids can enjoy historical games. Donations are accepted, but otherwise the event is free to the public.

For more info phone 918/653-2493 or e-mail <breid@okhistory.org>. The Peter Conser Home is located 47114 Conser Creek Road in Heavener.

July Lunch & Learn lecture at the Research Center

The monthly Lunch & Learn Lecture for July, to be held on the 25th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., will explore the topic of “Intruders in Indian Territory.” “Intruders” were individuals who settled in the Indian Territory when the land was officially restricted to only Americans.

This informative program will share tips for tracing the non-Indians who lived in I.T. Sharron Ashston is the presenter.

The lecture will take place in the History Center classrooms. Registration costs $10, and lunch is included.

To register, call 405/522-5225 or visit <www.okhistory.org/research/events> for a printable form.

Honey Springs run on the 4th

The annual Honey Springs Fun Run begins at 7:30 p.m. on the Fourth of July. The officially sanctioned 5K run begins a little later, at 8 p.m. Spectators get in free, and runners will pay a fee to enter the run.

The Honey Springs Battlefield Site is located at 1863 North 4232 Rd. near Checotah. Call 918/473-5572.

Your choice: quilts, jewelry, or arrow points at Pawnee Bill in July

A smorgasbord of activity is planned at the Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site during the month of July.

On the 7th the staff holds the regular Quilt Block of the Month Class.

On the 9th at 6:30 p.m., to join the Victorian Jewelry Making class. The $25 registration fee includes the materials. Participants will make a piece of Victorian jewelry.

On the 18th, learn the craft of flint knitting at the ranch pavilion. The $20 registration fee includes the materials. Dustin Devine of Stillwater will teach you. Bring some gloves!

Contact Erin Brown at 918/762-2513 for details. The ranch site is just outside Pawnee, Oklahoma.
Ben Franklin to visit History Center on July 2

On Thursday, July 2, Oklahomans will experience a visit with one of the founders of the Republic! At 7 p.m. that evening in the Oklahoma History Center (in Oklahoma City) Benjamin Franklin will drop in for a conversation with his fellow citizens and fellow lovers of technology.

This family-oriented presentation will last approximately forty minutes and will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

Franklin will regale his listeners with stories about printing, kite-flying (with electrifying results), the Declaration of Independence, the Revolution, and the Constitution. (It is rumored that he may reveal that he won the Revolutionary War with his kite!)

Steven Smith specializes in portraying Franklin and other historical characters. Smith is technical and theater director at Bishop Kelley High School in Oklahoma City. He is also a History Alive! presenter for Oklahoma Humanities Council, also appearing as Samuel A. Worcester and as Orville Wright. He has also served as an artist-in-residence at the Oklahoma Arts Council.

Enid’s Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center offers summer programs

The Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center in Enid continues its summer programming in July with an Independence Eve Ice Cream Social and Open House. Join the museum staff at 7 p.m. on July 3 for a “build-your-own-patriotic-sundae” party and enjoy a guided evening walk through the historic church, Glidewell House, Turkey Creek School, and Land Office on the grounds of the Humphrey Heritage Village. The event is free and open to the public.

From July 13 through 16 the Center is co-sponsoring, with Northwestern Oklahoma State University, the Oklahoma Character Summer Institute. This extensive program on Oklahoma history is open to teachers, students, and interested historians and includes classes on the NWOSU Enid campus each morning and field experiences around the region each afternoon. The $100 fee for the institute covers all class materials and several meals, though not college enrollment fees. Call Northwestern’s campus in Enid at 580/213-3101 or Northwestern at Woodward at 580/256-0047, for additional information.

On Wednesday, July 29, at 12 noon, the center’s new curator of collections, David Kennedy, will present “Guns of the Wild West,” in the Humphrey Heritage Village Church. After his presentation Kennedy will sign copies of his book on western firearms. The lecture takes place at noon and is free and open to the public.

For additional information about any of the CSRHC’s programs, please phone 580/234-8999 or e-mail the director at <ssoelle@okhistory.org>. The Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center is located at 507 South Fourth St. in Enid.

Heroine documentary to air on OETA

Since the discovery of the steamboat Heroine in 1999, OHS members have followed the recovery efforts in the pages of *Mistletoe Leaves*. In July and August, OETA-Okla will air a documentary film that was produced by OHS video staff.

Entitled *Nautical Archaeology on the Red River: The 1838 Wreck of the Steamboat Heroine*, the film will air on OETA’s new digital channels: 13.2 in Oklahoma City, 11.2 in Tulsa, 3.2 in Eufaula, and 12.2 in Cheyenne. Cox cable carries OETA on channel 112 in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The first showing of the OHS documentary comes on July 27 at 6 a.m. on the main OETA channel. The show will repeat several times on OETA-Okla throughout August.

Built in Indiana in 1832, the steamboat *Heroine* plied the Mississippi River system until in 1838 a navigation disaster left it beneath the waters of the Red River. The presentation tells the story of the vessel and its journey to the bottom of the river. A 160-ton vessel, it is the earliest example of a western river steamboat ever studied by archaeologists.

Additional dates and times on OETA-Okla
August 3 at 6 p.m.; August 4 at 8 a.m. and 12 noon; August 29 at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.; and August 30 at 2 a.m.